

**REGULATIONS FOR THE PERMANENT IMPORTATION OF HORSES
FROM SINGAPORE INTO MALAYSIA**

- A. Animal : Horses
- B. Country of Origin : Singapore
- C. Purpose : Racing, Polo or Hacking

D. Regulations for Importation:

1. Import Permit

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a valid import permit issued by Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS).

2. Description of Animals

The consignment of animal shall be accompanied by a certificate containing a full description or identification of the animals.

3. Veterinary Certification

The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate issued within 7 days of export by Agri-food and Veterinary Services (AVA) Singapore certifying that :-

- 3.1. The details of breed, sex, colour, markings, passport number, name and address of premise of origin of each horse were stated in the Veterinary Health Certificate.
- 3.2. Singapore has been free from African Horse Sickness, Venezuelan, Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, Anthrax, Hendra Virus, Glanders, Dourine, Surra (*trypanosome evansi*), Contagious equine metritis, Equine piroplasmiasis, Equine infectious anaemia and Equine viral arteritis for the past two (2) years immediately preceding the date of export.
- 3.3. No case of Hendra Virus Infection has been reported in the country for the last 12 months prior to export.
- 3.4. The horses originated from establishment or farm or premises that has been free from the following disease for the last six (6) months prior to export ; **West Nile Virus, Horse Pox, Scabies, Epizootic Lymphagitis, Ulcerative Lymphagitis, Equine Rhinopneumonitis, Equine Influenza OR** any other notifiable horse disease in the exporting country.
- 3.5. The horses have been continuously resident in Singapore for at least three (3) months prior to export.
- 3.6. The horses are from establishment/quarantine station which is free from Strangles and there have been no cases of strangles reported in establishment/quarantine station during the last three (3) months prior to export.
- 3.7. The horse(s) shall be subjected to following test / vaccination :
 - 3.7.1. Three (3) consecutive nasopharyngeal swabs sampled for Strangles by PCR with negative results performed 2 weeks apart, with the last sampling performed within 5 days prior to export.
 - 3.7.2. The horses were vaccinated against Equine Influenza with an inactivated or recombinant vaccine according to manufacturer's recommendations between 21 to 90 days before export either with a primary course (vaccinated twice) or booster.

- 3.7.3. Serological test on paired sera to detect protective level of specific antibody using CFT / ELISA or any OIE recommended test. The second test shall be performed 3 weeks after vaccination.
- 3.7.4. Japanese B Encephalitis using inactivated vaccine once as a booster to certified primary course or twice at an interval of 4 to 6 weeks within 12 months but not less than 30 days prior to export.

All tests mentioned in this procedure shall be carried out in an accredited laboratory by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country using OIE prescribed methodologies.

- 3.8. The horse has been examined and was found clinically free from any ectoparasites infestation and was treated with an officially approved long-acting and broad spectrum anthelmintics and tickicides within 30 days but not less than 14 days prior to export.
- 3.9. The horses have been examined within twenty four (24) hours prior to export and found to be healthy and free from signs of contagious and infectious diseases and fit for travel.

4. Transportation and Landing Place

The consignment of horses shall be transported in clean, disinfected and sealed floats or carried by ship or aircraft direct to the entry point or prescribed landing place or any other port or airport as in Malaysia.

5. Quarantine in Malaysia

- 5.1. The horse(s) shall undergo quarantine for a period of not less than 14 clear days in the Quarantine Station upon arrival in Malaysia.
- 5.2. During the post-arrival quarantine, the horse(s) shall be subjected to the following measures;
 - 5.2.1. Nasopharyngeal swab sample and shall be tested with either by bacterial isolation and identification test of *Streptococcus equi* OR *Streptococcus equi* identification by PCR with negative results.
 - 5.2.2. Equine influenza test using PCR or RT-PCR with negative result.
 - 5.2.3. Other disease test ; equine herpes virus, equine infectious anaemia virus, western equine encephalomyelitis, surra and nipah virus using SNT / ELISA / AGID test.

The test results must be duly endorsed in the respective horse passport.

6. Suspension of Import

The Director General of Veterinary Services or State Veterinary Director may at any time when deem necessary to suspend importations from Singapore either temporarily or permanently in the event of disease outbreaks or suspected disease outbreaks in Singapore or in case of importation in contravention of the above regulations.

7. Right to Amend Import Regulations

The Director General of Veterinary or State Veterinary Director shall amend the above regulations at any time as he may deem necessary.

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